

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A garment for slimming and smoothing the appearance of a woman's crotch and thighs, comprising:

5 a pair of pants having a lower torso receiving portion, an upper waistband, two leg portions, an inseam along each leg portion, and a crotch seam between the inseams;

a quadrilaterally-shaped crotch panel disposed forward of the crotch seam and between the inseams; and

10 pants closure means extending generally from the crotch panel to the waistband.

2. The garment of claim 1, wherein the closure means comprises a zipper.

15 3. The garment of claim 1, wherein the closure means comprises a lace-up construction.

20 4. The garment of claim 1, wherein the closure means includes two panels extending from the crotch panel to the waistband.

5. The garment of claim 1, wherein the waistband includes a closure.

25 6. The garment of claim 1, wherein the crotch panel comprises a single panel.

7. The garment of claim 1, wherein the crotch panel comprises two panels sewn together.

30 8. The garment of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the pants is made of a first material and the crotch panel is made of a second material.

9. A garment for slimming and smoothing the appearance of a woman's crotch and thighs, comprising:

a pair of pants having a lower torso receiving portion, two leg portions, an inseam along each leg portion, a crotch seam between the inseams, and an upper waistband including a closure;

a quadrilaterally-shaped crotch panel disposed forward of the crotch seam and between the inseams; and

pants closure means comprising two panels extending generally from the crotch panel to the waistband.

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10. The garment of claim 9, wherein the closure means comprises a zipper.

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11. The garment of claim 9, wherein the closure means comprises a lace-up construction.

12. The garment of claim 9, wherein the closure means includes two panels that extend from the crotch panel to the waistband.

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13. The garment of claim 9, wherein the crotch panel comprises a single panel.

14. The garment of claim 9, wherein the crotch panel comprises two panels sewn together.

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15. The garment of claim 9, wherein at least a portion of the pants is made of a first material and the crotch panel is made of a second material.